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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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We are also enclosing copies of the publications listed on the attached PTO-1449, namely FR-A-2565019 and DE-A-19850248.

Copies of available English abstracts of the aforementioned patents are enclosed herewith.

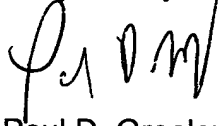
FR-A-2565019 discloses a leveling device that may be applied to an apparatus or a machine. The leveling device comprises a vibration damper formed as a block placed underneath support base of the leveling device. This document thus teaches of a combining a leveling and a damping against vibrations of an apparatus or machine.

DE-A-19850248 discloses a high-speed disk drive utilizing a vibration absorber for reducing vibration of a disk drive rotating with high speed. A disk drive for reading data from a data storage disk is disclosed, the disk drive comprising a center base, a retaining frame, a vibration absorber, a first plurality of vibration transfer-dampers, and a second plurality of vibration transfer-dampers. The retaining frame retains the vibration absorber and the center base. The first plurality of vibration transfer-dampers are coupled to the retaining frame and the vibration absorber for damping and transferring vibrations. The second plurality of vibration transfer-dampers are coupled to the center base and the vibration absorber, for transferring and damping vibrations of the center-base to the vibration absorber, thereby reducing the vibration of the center base. This two level absorption setup reduces vibration in high-speed disk drives caused by disk imbalances, resulting in more reliable read/write operations. Vibration of said center base due to rotation of the data storage disk, the rotation being driven by

said motor drive, is transferred to the vibration absorber, thereby reducing vibration on said center base and said retaining frame. Another advantage is that the vibration noise incurred on the outer housing is reduced, thereby lowering the vibration noise level during disk drive operation.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Respectfully submitted,



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| | FR2565019 | 11/29/85 | France (with English abstract) | G12B | 5/00 | | X |
| | DE19850248 | 08/05/99 | Germany (with English abstract) | G11B | 33/08 | | X |
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